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I find it hard to believe that in a free marketplace such as ours that this is even an issue. When "local" stations report the weather and traffic conditions it is sparse to say the least. Within a 10-15 minute period you may hear the traffic report once, however, XM offers a continuous loop of traffic and weather that is always up to date. I pay for this service and when traveling an hour to an hour and a half to and from work every day it is a service that I do not want to lose. I don't see how competition is a bad thing, especially in a marketplace that is flooded with "top 40" ruled stations. XM gives much needed variety as well as competition in a mainly NAB dominated marketplace. For all of these reasons I must respectfully urge you at the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160.  
Thank you for your time,  
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